staying and that this had been corrected when pointed out. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) was responsible for printing the tickets and for making arrangements for the Indian cricket team, including their hotel stay. The PCB Chairman apologized to the High Commission of India for the mistake, and correction was made in the tickets printed during later matches.

Opening of Consulates in Mumbai and Karachi

2766. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consulates of India and Pakistan have been opened at Mumbai and Karachi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the consulates are expected to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) During the Foreign Secretary level meeting in June, 2004, India and Pakistan agreed, in principle, to reopen the Consulates General in Mumbai and Karachi.

Agreement was reached during President Musharraf's visit to India in April, 2005 to reopen these by the end of 2005. However, Pakistan High Commission has not been able to find premises to rent so far. India is ready to open its Consulate General in Karachi but Pakistan is insisting on simultaneous opening of the Consulates General in Mumbai and Karachi.

Subsidy for Kailash Mansarovar Pilgrimage

†2767. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the amount charged from the pilgrims going for Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage is being increased continuously;

(b) whether Government would also consider providing any subsidy on the lines of subsidy being provided for Haj Pilgrimage in order to check this increase; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.